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**"Flying Saucer" Observed in Hallingdal**

1. Late in the evening on Easter Sunday this year, three reliable people were standing up in the hills of Torpo, witnessing one of the most extraordinary phenomena ever observed in this country. A glowing ball which must have been remotely controlled or maneuvered, performed the strangest stunts. At first it was perfectly stationary in mid-air, not very high above the valley; then it rose at a terrific rate straight up into the air, and then launched off sideways as a rocket. Dead against all laws of physics it stopped in the middle of the atmosphere, and performed one stunt stronger than the last. The whole time it radiated light of a varying strength, and when the glowing ball finally disappeared over the snow-covered mountain plateau, it looked as though it swept across the snow wastes as a powerful searchlight.
2. For more than half an hour three adults were standing watching this phenomenon - at first somewhat bewildered and confused; then they realized that they were actually witnessing a phenomenon, and then observed very closely all the movements.
3. Even though a certain skepticism has been exercised in recent years in respect to all the reports of flying saucers and other obscure detections in the atmosphere, these latest reports must be taken seriously. All the experts in this country who have been consulted about the strange ball of fire, have displayed a great interest in the phenomenon, and they do not try to conceal the fact that this time they really believe that it is a remotely controlled gadget which has been observed.
4. The three persons witnessing the phenomenon were 54-year old Torkel Sire, his 19-year old son Tormod, and his daughter Kari, aged 16. They were alone at the farm situated on the northern side of the valley above Torpo, with a clear view across to Riddaraasen on the opposite side of the valley. Along this hill run the large electric power cables from the Hol electric power works, but apart from those there is nothing but wilderness and rough country where no man can pick his way. It was just below this hill that the phenomenon was first spotted.
5. The one who observed the events most closely was Tormod Sire, who was home on Easter holidays. Tormod is a matter-of-fact and level-headed man, at present studying for his immatriculation exam at Voss, and those who know him relate that he is highly reliable.
6. Tormod related to the above paper that he first spotted the ball of fire at 22:55 hours on Easter Sunday. He was sitting indoors reading when his sister told him that a bonfire was burning up in the hill across the valley. Tormod went out and saw the "fire".
7. "But", he said, "I thought it a bit odd that a fire should be burning out in the wilds of the forest at that late hour, and had a closer look at the spot. Then the extraordinary thing happened: the 'fire', or ball of fire, rather - all of a sudden ascended straight up into the air, at a colossal rate, only to stop instantaneously. It stood there as though nailed to the background. For some moments it remained absolutely still, then it shot off to one side also at a fast rate, stopped still, sank a little, possibly vibrating somewhat. The whole time it was radiating light, sometimes dull, resembling strong moonlight, but for the most part of the time it looked like bright light. The strength of light changed several times.
8. "We were now three persons standing watching the phenomenon", Tormod continued, "and then my father went back into the house to fetch a small pair of binoculars, but we could not see very clearly. To us all it seemed as though it was a ball of fire;

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